



## Delaware Migrant Education Program



**Title I, Part C Federal Program  
administered by the  
Department of Education**

Education and Support  
Services for eligible students  
whose families work in  
Agriculture or Fishing Industries

**Think you or someone you know  
qualifies?**

**SCAN and complete a referral!**



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### **Title I, Part C of the ESEA 1965**

The Migrant Education Program (MEP), ensures the provision of instruction and support services for migratory students to assist them in reaching the challenging academic standards and to graduate with a high school diploma (or complete a GED) that prepares them for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment.

### **Who is eligible for the program?**

Any child from 0 to 21 years old, who does not have a high school diploma or GED, and has moved within the last 3 years with, or to join/precede a **migratory worker**; or as **migratory worker** on his/her own.

### **Who is a Migratory Worker?**

Any person who has moved within the last 3 years due to economic necessity, from one state to another, or from one school district to another and engaged in agricultural or fishing work (**qualifying work**); or has recent history of moves with **qualifying work**.

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## What is Qualifying Work?

Qualifying work refers to temporary or seasonal jobs in **fishing** or **agriculture** such as but not limited to:

- The processing of chicken, beef, and/or pet foods
- The production and processing of crops
- The cultivation and harvesting of plants/trees
- Fishing, crabbing

## Identification and Recruitment

Timely identification and recruitment of migratory children is critical, as many migrant children would not fully benefit from the Title I, C services if the State failed to identify and recruit them into the MEP. Title I, C requires that districts/charters schools screen for migrant students. To assist with this federal obligation, the Delaware Department of Education provides an **Agricultural Work Survey** to be used as a screening tool. The agricultural work survey is required for all students upon school enrollment.

The MEP office receives and reviews all the agricultural surveys and determines migrant eligibility on an individual basis.

We welcome referrals! - If you think you qualify or know someone who may qualify, please contact Delaware's Migrant Recruiter, Maria Mendoza, at (302) 943-7916 or [maria.mendoza@doe.k12.de.us](mailto:maria.mendoza@doe.k12.de.us).

## Services available to children of migratory workers

The Delaware MEP offers a variety of supplemental instructional and support services to meet the needs of migratory children. These services are **FREE** and include:

- **A Full Seven-Week Summer School Program**  
Certified teachers work with school-age children on strengthening their academic skills in Reading and Mathematics. In addition, the program includes exploratory group tours to experience and enjoy learning outside the classroom. The summer school programs are located in the three, Sussex, Kent and New Castle counties with free transportation and meals included. The families of enrolled children are required to participate in two Parent Involvement events at the beginning and the close of the summer school, where they learn about education, nutrition and health.
- **Migrant Parent Advisory Council (PAC)**  
Migrant parents are critical stakeholders in the program's success. The Title I, C program requires parental involvement to more effectively support their students' academic achievement. The State's Migrant PAC meets 3 times a year to provide feedback and ideas regarding the effectiveness and improvement of the program.

### • A Home-Based Tutoring Program

Based on the students with the most significant needs, they are placed on our Priority For Service-PFS list. Our MEP tutors meet individually with the students once a week at home during the school year. The MEP staff and tutors maintain communication with the school to address the students' academic needs through the tutoring sessions.

### • Connection and Support with Schools

The MEP coordinates with school districts to enhance academic achievement of migratory students. Additionally, schools are notified of all eligible migrant students so that they qualify for the free school lunch program.

### • Health and Social Services Referrals

The MEP assists families in connecting with health care clinics for vision, hearing, and dental screenings. Families who need social services are referred to public agencies and assisted with transportation and translation if needed.

### • Services for Out of School Youth

The MEP provides classes and/or assistance for youth who want to obtain a GED, earn high school credits, or learn English as a Second Language. Additionally, a bag with basic supplies is provided at the time of enrolling.